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About Kefalonia

Kefalonia is the largest and greenest of the Ionian Islands. Located between Lefkada on the north and Zakynthos on the south, most of the island's population is gathered in Argostoli. The economy of Kefalonia is based on agriculture, fishing and most of all tourism, which is why the island comes alive in summer, where visitors from all over the world come to enjoy the sea, the sun and the beautiful nature.

Kefalonia is a mountainous island. The highest mountain, Mount Ainos, rises at an altitude of 1520 metres and this is the only mountain in the Mediterranean that possess a unique fir forest species called Abies Kefallia. Those trees are protected and the area where they grow has been declared a National Park.

Many fruitful plains, amazing lakes and rivers, caves, thick and verdant forests and wonderful beaches with golden sand and crystal water embellish the island. The most famous beach in Kefalonia is Myrtos, but equally picturesque beaches are Antisamos, Lourdas, Xi and Makrigialos.

During World War II, Kefalonia was under Italian and German domination and the capitulation of Italy led to the massacre of 5,000 Italian soldiers. This event inspired the writer Louis de Bernieres its famous book, entitled "Captain Corelli's Mandolin" which became later a movie.

Apart from the capital, Argostoli, the island of Kefalonia has a multitude of picturesque villages and small towns scattered all around it. The most famous of those villages is the particularly picturesque Fiscardo, the only village that wasn't destroyed by the disastrous earthquake of 1953, and which keeps its beautiful neoclassical buildings until today.

Because of its amazing beauty and charm, Kefalonia is one of the most popular of the Ionian Islands.
Best Villages in Kefalonia

**Fiscardo** *(Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)*

**Location:** 50 km north of Argostoli, on the northernmost spot of Kefalonia

**Description:** Fiscardo is one of the prettiest villages in Kefalonia. Surrounded by beautiful greenery, the centre of activities in Fiscardo is the port, where fishing boats and yachts moor in summer.

**Sightseeing:** Nautical Museum

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**Assos** *(Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)*

**Location:** 37 km north of Argostoli

**Description:** This is a picturesque village on the northern side of Kefalonia. It's situated on an peninsula with a castle overlooking the delightful bay.

**Sightseeing:** Castle of Assos

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**Argostoli**

**Location:** On the eastern side of Kefalonia

**Description:** Argostoli is the capital town and the main port of Kefalonia. It distinguishes for its elegant architecture and serves as a starting point for excursions on the island.

**Sightseeing:** Archaeological Museum, De Bosset Bridge, Historical and Folk Art Museum, Katavothres, Lighthouse of Saint Theodoroi, Municipal Theatre
Best Beaches in Kefalonia

**Myrtos** (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

**Location:** 30 km north of Argostoli

**Description:** Myrtos is the most famous and beautiful beach of Kefalonia. It is actually a large coast with turquoise water and white sand, surrounded by steep cliffs.

**Antisamos** (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)

**Location:** 27 km north east of Argostoli and 4 km from Sami

**Description:** One of the most gorgeous beaches on Kefalonia, Antisamos is a vast golden beach, surrounded by lush greenery. Scenes of the Hollywood movie "Captain Corelli's Mandolin" were filmed there.
Makris Gialos
Location: 4 km south of Argostoli

Description: Makris Gialos is a very beautiful and popular beach in close distance to Argostoli, the capital of Kefalonia, and the busy tourist resort of Lassi. It has golden sand and many watersports centres around the beach.

Skala Beach
Location: 37 km south east of Argostoli

Description: The fishing village of Skala hosts a large, sandy beach within a walking distance from its port. Organized and clean, this is a lovely spot for family vacations.
Lourdas (Rating: ★★★★☆ by Greeka members)
Location: 17 km south east of Argostoli

Description: The area of Lourdata is a calm beach resort on the southern side of Kefalonia. The beach has white sand and it is organized with umbrellas and sun beds.
Sightseeing: Monastery of Sissia

Xi (Rating: ★★★★★ by Greeka members)
Location: 40 km west of Argostoli and 10 km south of Lixouri

Description: Xi is one of the most beautiful and popular beaches of Kefalonia. It is very large, sandy and organized with umbrellas and sun beds.

Best Sightseeing in Kefalonia
**Melissani Cave**  
**Location: Sami**  
The Cave Lake of Melissani is located just 3 km from Sami, close to Karavomilos village. Visitors enter the cave through an underground path and they can step into a boat to tour the cave. Archaeological excavations have found exhibits from the 4th and the 3rd century BC.

**Drogarati Cave**  
**Location: Sami**  
About 5 km to the south of Sami, there is this large stalagmatic cavern of rare beauty, estimated to be 150 million years old. It is also known as the Concert Cave, due to its large chamber found in 150 feet below ground level that has exceptionally good acoustics and room for 500 people.

**De Bosset Bridge**  
**Location: Argostoli**  
This stone bridge was constructed in 1813 by the Swiss engineer Charles Philippe de Bosset, employed by the British, who ruled the island that time. The bridge works till today and connects the capital town, Argostoli, to the opposite mainland of Kefalonia.
Lighthouse of Saint Theodoroi

**Location: Argostoli**

The lighthouse of Saint Theodoroi stands on a peninsula about 3 km north of Argostoli. The lighthouse was constructed in 1828 by the British, who ruled the island that time. This is a structural building of Doric architecture and its focal plane is 11m.

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Castle of Saint George

**Location: Peratata**

The Castle of Saint George stands on a hill above Peratata village, about 7 km from Argostoli. It was originally built by the Byzantines but the Venetians gave it its final form in 1504. The Castle is almost ruined today by invasions and the severe earthquake that hit Kefalonia in 1953.
Entertainment in Kefalonia

**Ellis**
**Category:** Restaurants  
**Location:** Fiscardo

Ellis Café - Restaurant is located on the seafront of Fiskardo, with a view to Ulysses island (Ithaca) and the wonderful blue color of the Ionian Sea. You may enjoy our delicious meat and seafood dishes, accompanied by a variety of traditional wines.

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**Kiani Akti**
**Category:** Restaurants  
**Location:** Argostoli

Join us at our family run restaurant specialising in Greek Hors d'Oeuvres (Mezedes), scallops, cuttlefish, octopus regularly cropping up, traditional greek cuisine and fresh fish. Enjoy our unique surroundings on our jetty built in the sea on Argostoli waterfront.

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